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TEXTILES
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INITIATIVES IN TEXTILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some initiatives have been taken in technology and advancement in Textile Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and;

(c) the impact of these initiatives in the development of textile industry in the Ninth Five Year Plan and in the next five years in regard to compete in the world?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) : Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has launched a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for modernisation of Textile and Jute Industries for a period of 5 years, w.e.f., 1.4.1999

Government has launched the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) on 21.2.2000, with the objectives - to improve the productivity and quality of cotton, ensuring the availability of quality cotton to the textile mills. It has four Mini Missions, viz., MM-I & II relating to research and dissemination of technology to farmers, are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and MM-III & IV relating to improvement in market infrastructure and modernization of ginning & pressing units are being implemented by the Ministry of Textiles.

The Government has also taken several steps to enhance the viability and competitiveness of the textile industry. Some of the main ones are as follows:

i) A chain of textile testing laboratories has been set up to help industry in assessing the quality of textiles.
ii) For import of capital goods, the Export Promotion of Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme has been simplified.
iii) Import of cotton is also under OGL to help industry to import requisite quality of raw cotton.
iv) Efforts are on to rationalise fiscal duty structure in consultation with industry and other concerned organisations.
v) Initiated measures for application of information technology in the textile trade and industry.
vi) The Powerloom specific schemes -Modernisation of Powerloom Service Centres(PSCs); Upgradation of PSC labs; Group Insurance Scheme for powerloom workers; setting up of Computer Aided Design Centres and enhancement of Powerloom Exporters Entitlement quoata from 10% to 15% are under operation.

The textile industry is likely to be immensely benefited by these schemes, particularly from the point of view of improving the productivity and performance to be globally competitive.